

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, directly after the title and before the line designated as 1, please insert the following paragraphs:

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Field of the Invention --.

On page 1, between lines 5 and 6, please insert:

-- Background of the Invention --.

On page 1, between lines 27 and 28, please insert:

-- Summary of the Invention --

On page 4, before line 1, please insert the following:

-- Brief Description of the Figures

FIGS. 1a and 1b show a pathway for producing a compound of the present invention.

FIG. 2a shows another pathway.

FIG. 2b shows a pathway for producing compounds 3a and 3b.

FIG. 3 shows a pathway for producing  $C_{67}H_{94}N_{14}O_{20}S_2$ .

Description of Various and Preferred Embodiments of the Invention --.

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-- What is claimed is: ---